

HOWITZERS EXPECTED LATE THIS AFTERNOON

Will Detrain and Parade to Armory
To-Morrow Afternoon.

BIG RECEPTION AND BANQUET
Captain Myers Reports All Well.
Troop Trains Leave Huntington at Midnight—Have to Stop to Water Horses.

Howitzers to Detrain To-Morrow Morning

ASHLAND, Ky., March 9.—Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Va.: The Howitzers, en route at 9 o'clock, having covered 1,311 miles of their journey homeward, will detrain at Richmond Sunday morning. Officers and men all well. WILLIAM M. MYERS, Captain.

Chesapeake and Ohio Railway officials stated early this morning that the troop trains were expected to arrive in Richmond this afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock. Advice received by the dispatcher for the Richmond division shortly after midnight were to the effect that the Howitzers would reach Clifton Forge this morning between 7 and 8 o'clock. The run from that city would be made in from eight to nine hours, placing the artillerymen in this city late this afternoon. Some delay anticipated, however, by necessary stops to water the horses and give the men exercise, and the local committees are proceeding with plans to detain and parade the battery on Sunday about noon.

With the assurance that the Richmond Howitzers will get home to-night or to-morrow morning, and the knowledge that they are only a few hundred miles away and approaching steadily, the Howitzer Association, composed of former members of the battery, and the reception committee of 100 appointed by Mayor Ahliss, are busy with preparations to make the city's joy at having the soldiers back again, and a full expression of its pride in their conduct while on the border. According to a telegram sent yesterday from Salt Lick, Ky., by Captain William M. Myers to his brother, J. W. Myers, the battery will arrive in Richmond about noon to-morrow and detrain at Seventeenth and Broad Streets. The presence of more than thirty horses on the troop train is responsible, it is said for its slow progress. The horses have to be exercised and watered frequently, and considerable time is consumed on each such occasion.

The Virginia Artillerymen are traveling on three trains, running a half-hour apart. The first section left Huntington, W. Va., at 11:30 last night, the second at midnight, and the third at 12:30 this morning. Railway officials are confident that the Howitzers will reach Richmond late this afternoon, and that the Norfolk, Portsmouth and Hampton batteries will be at home by late tonight.

FORMER MEMBERS WILL MARCH WITH BATTERY
All members of the Howitzer Association are expected to assemble at the tracks at Seventeenth and Broad Streets before noon to-morrow. A committee will furnish each member of the association with a Howitzer pin, and a badge. There are about 250 members, and most of them are expected to march in the parade with the active battery.

To make final arrangements for the reception of the Howitzers, the Mayor's committee met yesterday afternoon at the Business Men's Club. It was decided to co-operate with the Howitzers Association in all plans for the entertainment of the soldiers. The committee will be on hand to greet the battery before the parade to-morrow. Alvin M. Smith is chairman of the committee, and Captain Beauregard Lorraine is president of the Howitzer Association.

The parade will not start to-morrow, it is said, until after the usual hour for the dismissal of church services in order that worship may not be disturbed, and that the congregations may not miss the sight of the soldiers.

With the battery will come between thirty and forty horses. For the full equipment of a battery of field artillery, fully 100 mounts are required. The association has provided sufficient horses to supplement those coming from Texas, and leave no empty places in the parade. The permanent horses of the organization, supplied by the national government, will be stabled for the present in a livery barn.

GOVERNOR INVITED

TO REVIEW PARADE
This line of march, starting at Seventeenth and Broad Streets, will be Seventeenth to Main, Main to Fifth, Fifth to Franklin, Franklin to Jefferson, Jefferson to Broad, Broad to Eighth and Eighth to the armory. Governor Stuart has been invited to review the Howitzers in parade. In case he accepts, the line of march will be extended down Broad Street from Eighth to Eleventh, in order to pass before the City Hall, where the Governor will have his stand.

Kesslich's Band will head the procession, according to the present plan. Following will be the John Marshall High School Cadets, the Howitzers' Band, members of the Howitzers' Association, the Boy Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps, and the Howitzers themselves. Battery A, First Battalion, Field Artillery, National Guard of Virginia. While the procession is passing up Main Street below the Capitol Square, a salute of twenty-one rounds will be fired from the square with an old Confederate cannon of the type used by the Howitzers in the War Between the States. The cannon is loaned by the Soldiers' Home. It is expected that stores along the line of march will be decorated with flags in honor of the troops.

Across Eighth Street at Broad will be unfurled a monster Virginia State flag, said to be 205 ft. long. On account of the delicate water-coloring in the flag, it will not be put up until to-morrow morning early, for fear of storm.

SEATED BANQUET

PROVIDED AT ARMORY
When the soldiers reach the armory, on Eighth Street, between Leigh and Duval, they will be seated at a banquet with their older brothers of the Howitzers Association. The banquet will be served by the women's reception committee, composed largely of the friends and relatives of the artillerymen. Mrs. J. W. Myers is chairman of the committee. The interior of the armory has been extensively decorated.

It is hoped to have both Governor Stuart and Mayor Ahliss to make brief speeches after the banquet. Admission will be by ticket only. Batteries B, C and D, Virginia Field

To-Day and To-Night in Richmond

State Examiners of Records, Hotel Rueger, 10 o'clock.
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, organ recital, 4:30 o'clock.
Lyric Popular vaudeville; matinee, 3; night, 7:30 and 9.

The Weather

(Furnished by U. S. Weather Bureau)

Forecast: Virginia
—Fair Saturday;
Sunday fair, warmer.
North Carolina
—Fair Saturday and
Sunday, little change
in temperature.

Local Temperature.
12 noon temperature, 59
3 P. M. temperature to 8 P. M., 57
Minimum temperature to 8 P. M., 37
Mean temperature for this date, 46
Normal temperature for this date, 46
Excess in temperature, 0
Deficiency in temperature, 0
March 1, in temperature since
Deficiency, 29
Accumulated deficiency since January 1, 6

Local Rainfall.
Rainfall, 24 hours ending 8 P. M., None
Excess in rainfall since March 1, 2.59
Excess in rainfall since January 1, 1.73

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place.	Temp.	Wind.	Weather.
Asheville	46	32	Clear
Atlanta	56	40	Clear
Albany	40	46	Clear
Boston	48	36	Clear
Buffalo	26	30	Cloudy
Calgary	24	26	P. cloudy
Charleston	46	46	Clear
Chicago	38	44	Clear
Denver	54	28	P. cloudy
Duluth	24	12	Cloudy
Galveston	62	64	Rain
Hatteras	46	58	Clear
Havana	62	64	Clear
Jacksonville	56	68	Clear
Kansas City	56	70	Clear
Louisville	59	52	Clear
Montgomery	62	62	Clear
New Orleans	62	68	Clear
New York	40	46	Clear
Norfolk	48	48	Clear
Oklahoma	64	72	Clear
Pittsburgh	36	32	Cloudy
Raleigh	54	48	Clear
St. Louis	54	58	Clear
St. Paul	30	34	P. cloudy
Savannah	50	52	Clear
Spokane	42	42	P. cloudy
Tampa	68	74	Clear
Washington	48	48	Clear
Winipeg	26	28	Cloudy
Wytheville	42	50	Clear

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

March 9, 1917.
HIGH TIDE:
Sun rises, 6:30 Morning, 5:15
Sun sets, 6:11 Evening, 6:04

Artillery, of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Hampton, respectively, will pass through Richmond in rear of the Howitzers, but will not detrain. Plans have been made in the home cities of all these organizations, it is reported, for elaborate receptions.

Colonel E. S. Wright, of the United States Army, who superintended the mustering out of the Second Infantry, has been appointed chief mustering officer to perform the same service in connection with the Howitzers. Captain Lucian D. Booth and First Lieutenant Meade Wildrick, of Fort Monroe, have been ordered to muster out the other batteries of Field Artillery.

The Richmond Blues, First Squadron of Cavalry, and the Signal Corps, Engineers and Field Hospital, the remaining units of Virginia militia on the border, are expected to entrain for the trip home next Tuesday, March 12. Major E. W. Bowles, the commander of the Blues, has been in Richmond on a furlough preparing for the return of his men for several weeks. Captain John A. Cutchins is acting commander. Unless Major Bowles can secure the permission of the War Department to remain in the service, he will be mustered out at once, under the orders of the Eastern Department requiring all officers on leave of absence to be mustered out. Major Bowles went to Washington yesterday to confer with Secretary Baker.

Will Erect Brick Warehouse.

The Hinewinkel estate yesterday filed an application for permission to erect a three-story brick factory and storage warehouse at 1323-31 East Main Street. Plans and specifications for the structure were also filed. A. F. Hunt is the architect, and F. D. Newell the contractor. The estimated cost is \$15,000.

Walter D. Moses & Co.



New Victor Record Hits at Moses'

Here are a few of the popular dance and song numbers from the new Victor Records for March, now on sale at Moses'.

- POPULAR DANCE NUMBERS**
No. 35612—(Double-face; price, \$1.25)—(a) "So Long, Letty"; (b) "Pass Around the Apple Once Again"; both played by Victor Military Band.
No. 44637—(price, \$1.00)—"Dixie," sung by Mabel Garrison.
No. 44634—(price, \$1.00)—"Chimney Bells of Long Ago," sung by Evan Williams.
No. 18225—(Double-face; price, 75c)—(a) "I'm Every Little Thing in Dixie"; sung by American Quartet; (b) "In the Days of Old Black Joe," sung by Peerless Quartet.
No. 18220—(Double-face; price, 75c)—(a) "Yaddie Yaddie Kid-die Kiddle Koo"; (b) "Tsa-ta How You Can Tell They're Irish"; both sung by Van and Schenck.

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BRITISH TRANSPORT SUNK, WITH LOSS OF 625 LIVES

Vessel, Loaded With South African
Native Laborers, Goes Down
Off Isle of Wight.

COLLIDES WITH ANOTHER SHIP

Announcement of Disaster Made to
South African Parliament by Premier
Botha—Ten of Victims Are
Europeans.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, March 9.—The British transport Mendi, carrying South African native laborers, was sunk after a collision on February 21, and 625 persons lost their lives.

Ten of the persons lost were Europeans, according to the announcement made to-day to the South African Parliament by General Louis Botha, the Premier. The collision occurred off the Isle of Wight. The official announcement says:

"Premier Botha stated to the South African Parliament to-day that the transport Mendi, carrying the last batch of the South African native laborers' contingent (the rest of whom were landed safely in France), collided with another vessel en route from England to Havre and sank in twenty-five minutes. The collision occurred off the Isle of Wight on February 21. The escort's searchlight could not penetrate the fog, but the survivors were rescued by passing vessels. Twelve officers were saved. Ten Europeans and 615 natives were lost.

"Difficulty in obtaining authentic information caused the announcement to be made public.
"Premier Botha said that the relatives of those natives who are presumed to have been drowned would be advised. He added that the United States and native commissioners had been instructed to inform the head men of the people, so that they might know the truth, and not heed idle stories which experience proved might be circulated sedulously. The Imperial authorities, he declared, would pay compensation to natural beneficiaries."

The Mendi was a British steamer of 4,226 tons gross, built in Glasgow in 1905, and owned by the British and African Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., of Liverpool (The Elder-Deane & Co.). The last entry in shipping records regarding her movements was on December 27 last, when she was reported arriving at Port Natal from Dar-es-Salaam.

MAKE WAR TO VICTORY. FRENCH PEOPLE'S PLEDGE

Gratitude for American Sympathy and
Support Expressed at Great
Gathering.

PARIS, March 9.—Some of the best-known men in France participated on Wednesday in a stirring demonstration at the Sorbonne, held with the object of giving moral support to the French soldiers. A large number of organizations, without distinction as to party, were represented and grouped under the title of "all France firm for a victory of right."

"What is beautiful," said M. Viviani, "is that after thirty months of war, France can offer to the world the spectacle which she gave the day when, under German aggression, she rose up. Yes, after thirty months of war, France is indomitable and resolute. All peoples who want to live free in Europe, one after the other, have sided with France, and beyond the seas we hear the formidable clamor of a great free people who bring us with aid and material sympathy its invaluable moral support."

Not the Same Wheeler.

H. L. Wheeler, of Jarratts, Va., an employee of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, asks that it be stated that he is not the man of that name recently convicted of housebreaking in Hopewell and accused of attempting to escape from the Henrico Jail.

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TALKS ENGLISH WHEN HIS LIQUOR IS MOVED

John Felix Exalts Much Sympathy
When His Case Is Called in
Hustings Court.

John Felix, a Russian by birth, indicted on a charge of bringing more than one quart of whisky into Virginia, came to the Hustings Court yesterday, and excited the sympathy of court attaches and hangers-on because he couldn't speak English. Judge Richardson had previously postponed the case so that Felix could seek the assistance of his friends. But there was none forthcoming yesterday, and he was disconsolate behind the rail. But Policeman Sweet informed the court that Felix could speak English and that he had known the prisoner for more than a year. Felix, however, continued to preserve a discreet and impenetrable silence.

Finally, in despair, Judge Richardson walked down to the rail, and, picking up Felix's valise filled with whisky, asked, "What were you going to do with this?"

"Take it to North Carolina," responded the prisoner promptly.
"Enter a plea of not guilty," said the judge, and this plea was entered. Felix was found guilty, the jury bringing in a verdict imposing a fine of \$50 and a jail sentence of one month. Felix had already spent seventeen days in jail.

GERMAN HELD FOR PART IN WELLAND CANAL PLOT

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with them, and secured financial help. But the plans I outlined to them and the plans Ernest and I have carried out were legitimate in every respect.

"We have not abused the hospitality of the United States. I love this country. I have already declared my intention to become a citizen of America. To say that I would do something to harm this country is as foolish as the story that Ernest here bought land overlooking West Point for military reasons."

"Yes," put in Dr. Sekunna, with a laugh, "it merely shows how inflated is the present state of mind in the country. I bought the tract of land near Beacon, N. Y., for a bungalow site. I intended to rent the bungalows and use the proceeds in the legitimate propaganda work Chakraborty and I were carrying on."

Dr. Sekunna was released on bail to-night. Chakraborty is still in the Tombs.
The grand jury investigation will be continued on Monday.
Chakraborty took out his first papers on February 26. It was learned to-day at the naturalization bureau. He said to-day that he was technically a native of Persia, as he had lived for six months in that country after fleeing from India ten years ago.

BERLIN WARNS NEUTRALS TO KEEP SHIPS AT HOME

Zimmermann Says Humanity Can
Best Be Served by Heeding
German Advice.

U-BOAT WARFARE SUCCESSFUL

Foreign Secretary Declares Tonnage
Should Be Conserved in Order to
Supply Half-Starved World When
Great Conflict Ends.

BY WILLIAM BAYARD HALE.
BERLIN (via Sayville), March 9.—

"The greatest service neutrals can render humanity at this moment is thoroughly to appreciate the fact that we mean what we say, and to keep their ships at home."

Foreign Secretary Zimmermann made the above statement in an interview to-day. He said, further:

"Our relations with Austria-Hungary are excellent, thank God.
"I wonder whether the understanding between the allies on the other side of the barricade is as complete as that which binds the powers of Central Europe together, and whether it is as animated by identical aims and determination?
"In the camp of the entente the case is absolutely different, for their interests diverge in so many particulars. Such being the circumstances, engagements between the entente powers can never be as resolute and determined as is the alliance between the central European powers that are threatened on both sides.

SAVE TONNAGE IN ORDER TO SEIZE OPPORTUNITY

"The relations between the central allies and the European neutrals also are highly satisfactory. These neutrals, close observers of the progress of the conflict, have had abundant opportunity to convince themselves of the probable outcome of the struggle. They have had plenty of time to reflect upon

the future, history of the commercial relations of the world. They have no the supreme patience with which Germany and her allies have sustained the attack of their encircling enemies.

"It was only because of the refusal of our sincere peace proffer that Germany was forced to invoke the submarine warfare.
"Let the neutrals consider the wonderful opportunity of their shipping when the war ends, and when they will be called upon to carry goods to a half-starved world.
"The immediate task of the neutrals is to conserve their tonnage so as to be able to embrace this great commercial opportunity.
"The relations between the United States and Germany rest in the hands of President Wilson. In connection with this subject there is again an opportunity to observe the patience of Germany. Since the break of diplomatic relations we have been waiting for official news from America; such news as we have comes from Reuter, the well-known British source.
"While we are naturally interested in the opinions prevailing in America, Germany has spoken the first word, and is resolutely determined to prove that it will bring about a victorious conclusion of the war."

NEUTRALS SHOULD STOP TRADE WITH ENGLAND

AMSTERDAM (via London), March 9.—A Dutch newspaper publishes the following statement made by Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, the German Foreign Secretary, to a representative of a Budapest newspaper:

"As far as the United States is concerned, we have spoken our last word, and the decision is in President Wilson's hands.
"We are determined to carry through the submarine war to the end. The results of unrestricted submarine war thus far have been very satisfactory.
"As to peace, I may say that despite the refusal of our peace offer, Germany still stands by the words of the Imperial Chancellor, and is prepared to place herself at the head of an alliance of states for the maintenance of the world's peace.
"As to European neutrals, I believe

there will be no change in their present relations with us in the course of the war. Neutral shipowners should give up their trade with England. They have made enough money, and can afford to bear the loss of English trade. They will soon find that it is to their interests to keep their ships at home, so that they may use them to best advantage after the war."

BOY AVENGES IN BLOOD MURDER OF HIS FATHER

Eleven-Year-Old in Kansas Is Exonerated by Law for Part
in Vendetta.

CROWEBURG, KANS., March 9.—Eleven-year-old Joe Vinardi went back to school to-day, exonerated by law, after having avenged in blood the killing of his father. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of self-defense, absolving the boy from blame for the death here Monday of Mike Gillo, suitor for the hand of Joe's sister, and enemy of Giannetto Vinardi, Joe's father.

There was a feud between the elder Vinardi and Gillo because of Gillo's attentions to Vinardi's daughter. Monday night they met. Both were armed. Next day both were found dead, and it was at first believed they had killed each other; but the inquest revealed the following facts: Vinardi, the elder, lying mortally wounded, instructed his son to obtain vengeance. His father's shotgun in hand, the boy shortly afterward found Gillo in front of his home. Gillo had a shotgun also. He pointed it at the boy and laughed at him, whereupon Joe Vinardi fired, killing Gillo.

Held on Policy Charge.

James Stewart, colored, charged with operating a policy game, was held for trial March 21 yesterday by Justice Crutchfield in the Police Court.

Held for Grand Jury.

Murrell Dabney, a negro woman, was held for the grand jury yesterday in the Police Court by Justice Crutchfield on the charge of unlawfully selling liquor at 109 North Seventeenth Street.

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